

# CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY MAY BRING THAW BACK TO ASYLUM

## THAW'S WIFE SAYS HIS NEXT THOUGHT WILL BE REVENGE

"Those Who Set Him Free Assumed Grave Responsibility," She Adds.

CALLS HIM A MADMAN.

Quotes Thaw as Having Said He Might Have to Kill Her Next.

"Harry Thaw's mother and other relatives may hide their real feelings under smiles and protestations of their joy at Thaw's escape from Matteawan, but I know that in their hearts they are consumed with a great fear. They know not what responsibility will be theirs in the future; they know not what this madman may do now that he is free of restraint."

Thus Evelyn Nesbit Thaw appraised the sensations of Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw and Thaw's brothers and sisters as she discussed today the startling turn in the affairs of her notorious husband with an Evening World reporter in her room at the Hotel Brevoort.

"Mark my words," the young woman continued, her face reflecting the seriousness of her thoughts, "this man is as dangerous a person as was ever let loose upon any community. There is no telling what he will do, and those who conspired to bring about his freedom will have upon their own heads the burden of whatever crimes he may commit in the future."

"As long as he stays away from liquor and is carefully guarded by men who will see that he is protected from himself Harry Thaw may appear perfectly sane, but once he gives himself up to wine he becomes thoroughly mad and dangerous."

HAS ENGAGED PRIVATE DETECTIVE TO GUARD HER.

"What may be your own fears in regard to the possibility of Thaw's returning?" Mrs. Thaw was asked.

"My fears are such that I have engaged a private detective to accompany me whenever I leave the hotel," she answered. "And until I know definitely just where Thaw is I will continue to adopt this precaution. You cannot understand the feeling of having a vindictive madman who has shown his bitter hatred of you at liberty."

"But if I have cause to fear there are others with still greater cause. Harry Thaw's hatred of Jerome and of me is nothing compared with his insane loathing of Dr. Austin Flint, the dentist. He despises Dr. Flint with an almost superhuman hatred and has said time and again that if he had the chance he would make the doctor sorry for the testimony he had given against him in the various court proceedings. I think Dr. Flint stands in real danger."

When asked if she had received any message or word, directly or indirectly, from Thaw since his escape, Mrs. Thaw said she had not.

"I do not expect to hear from him, though I fear I may see him some time," she answered. "I know that inevitably he will come back to New York. He will be drawn back here by the white lights. He cannot stay away from them."

"When he does come I hope I will not be here and if I am I will get away immediately."

NOT SURPRISED OF HIS FLIGHT FROM ASYLUM.

"I am not surprised that Thaw got out of Matteawan as he did," Evelyn Thaw continued. "I have been surprised that he did not try this method of escape before. I know of a dozen men connected with the asylum who would accept a bribe and work with friends of Thaw on the outside to bring about his escape. I do not think this thing would have happened if Dr. Baker or Dr. Lamb (former superintendent) were in charge instead of a new man."

Asked if Thaw's escape might have any effect on her immediate future, Mrs. Thaw answered:

"It may cause me to return to Europe sooner than I expected. I do not know myself if this will alter my plans. I will have to wait until definite word of where Thaw is comes to light before I can know."

When asked to detail the oft reported threat Thaw made to kill her, Mrs. Thaw gave the circumstances as follows:

"Some time about four years ago I was up at Matteawan visiting Thaw and had dinner with him. One of his lawyers—I cannot remember which one—was with us and we were discussing the 'brainstorm' theory advanced during Thaw's first trial by one of the alienists. Thaw broke in and said:

"Why, I never had a brain-

## Wife of Harry Thaw and Baby She Says Is His; Both Guarded From Peril She Fears From Him



EVELYN NESBIT THAW AND RUSSELL

storm when I killed White. You know as well as I do I just missed killing him by two minutes the day before I finally shot him."

"You don't mean to say that the act was premeditated," I said.

"Sure it was," Thaw replied. "You know I spent nearly a million dollars trying to get that man, and I suppose you will be the next one I'll have to kill."

PRISON HEADS REPORT TO GLYNN DETAILS OF THAW'S ESCAPE.

ALBANY, Aug. 18.—Both John B. Riley, Superintendent of State Prisons, and Dr. R. F. C. Knap, Superintendent of the Matteawan State Hospital, responded promptly to Martin H. Glynn's telegraphic request for immediate details of the escape of Harry K. Thaw from Matteawan.

Mr. Glynn's telegram was signed "Acting Governor" and there was speculation in official circles here as to whether or not Supt. Riley, a Sulzer appointee, would reply to it.

A sweeping investigation of the escape of Thaw was ordered to-day by Superintendent of Prisons Riley. In addition he planned to leave here about 3 o'clock this afternoon, personally to examine all of the officials of the asylum.

Lieut.-Gov. Glynn inquired for news about Thaw as soon as he reached his office, shortly after 11 o'clock. He said he had been making such inquiries into the law and precedents touching such cases as had been possible over Sunday.

As a result he believed the only chance of Thaw being brought back from another State rested on that State taking the initiative, such as declaring him to be insane and returning him on the ground of public incumbrance.

The telegram of Supt. Riley was addressed simply to "Hon. Martin H. Glynn." Supt. Riley's telegram to Gov. Sulzer was addressed in similar form.

At the office of the Attorney-General attention was called to the fact that Attorney-General Carmody had appealed from the order granted some time ago by Supreme Court Justice Tompkins permitting Thaw to confer with his counsel without a guard standing nearby. That appeal acted as a stay to the order and is still pending. It was not known whether Supt. Riley or Supt. Knap, both recent appointees, had been instructed specifically on that point.

Mr. Riley was in his office when a messenger from Gov. Sulzer whispered to him to and he went immediately to the executive chamber. It was reported that friends of Sulzer believed the Superintendent of Prisons, who is a personal friend and appointee of the elected Governor, had made a grave tactical error in recognizing Glynn by reporting to him.

"I want to say," said Mr. Riley, "that Thaw's attorney was in conference with him in the asylum on Friday afternoon. They had their interview in private under an order of the Supreme Court. Thaw was the only person having this privilege. Other patients see their attorneys and every one else in the presence of an agent of the asylum. Of course, I

## Ill-Luck That Has Followed In Wake of the Thaw Case

Harry Kendall Thaw's history is interwoven with a long train of misfortunes and disasters from the night in June, 1906, when he shot Stanford White on the roof of the Madison Square Garden. Here are some of the victims:

Stanford White, member of the firm of McKim, Mead & White, leading architects, a rich collector of the arts, of great talent and high attainments; revealed in the testimony at the trial as a libertine and the leader of a set of men about town who maintained "studios" in various parts of town as the centers of their orgies.

Many young women of the stage were mentioned as frequenters of these "studios," including some of the original "Florodora" company. Some of Thaw's lawyers have fallen under the law's ban, notably Daniel O'Reilly, who suffered severely in reputation by reason of his connection with the case, and was disbarred later and sentenced to a term in prison.

Clifford W. Hartridge sued Harry Thaw's mother for \$100,000 fees. He was subsequently before the Bar Association on a charge of spending \$30,000 for bribing witnesses not to appear against Thaw.

John N. Anhalt, accused in February last of an attempt to bribe an official with \$20,000 to connive at Thaw's escape from Matteawan, found guilty and sentenced to four years in prison. Automatically disbarred.

In the testimony of this case, other men mentioned unfavorably were Gov. Sulzer, William A. Clark and Alfred Henry Lewis.

The litigation in many courts over Thaw's mental and legal status has cost the Thaw family not less than a million dollars, not including another million or more which various lawyers have claimed for services. Most of these claims have been contested in the courts, with accusations of greed and graft.

am making no charges, but I believe that if Thaw had not been given the privilege of so many secret conferences he would still be where he belongs."

Supt. Riley after his conference with Gov. Sulzer issued this statement:

"Thaw will, if possible, be brought back to Matteawan. The men engaged in the conspiracy to effect his escape will, if possible, be located and prosecuted."

"A thorough investigation is being made and it is believed their identity can be established. Whether or not the guard, Barnum, was in the plot I am unable to say. While there have been many escapes from Matteawan, this is the only instance in which an inmate ever even tried to escape through the gate. Thaw's escape could not have occurred except through Barnum's connivance or carelessness."

TWO DEAD BY GAS.

Frank Seidel, sixty-five years old, of No. 275 Baltic street, Brooklyn, was found dead in his room at No. 441 State street, Brooklyn, this morning with both gas jets turned on and the door heavily barricaded. Nothing is known of Wright except that he engaged a room two weeks ago, stating that he was the eastern agent of a cotton gin concern.

In 1903 the executors gave him \$144,625, the one-fourth, and the trust company paid him the income from the remainder until 1908, when, Thaw dying, the executors decided he showed capacity for management he should be paid one-fourth of the share of the estate that would otherwise have gone to him.

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## SIX INDICTMENTS IN SULZER'S WAR ON CONTRACTORS

Bart Dunn New York One of Those Accused in Rockland County.

HENNESSY GOT PROOF.

Two Road Construction Companies Are Involved in the Charges.

An extraordinary Grand Jury sworn in some time ago by Justice Isaac N. Kapper of the Second District to investigate alleged frauds in the construction of roads under the supervision of the State Highway Department in Rockland County, handed down to-day six indictments and a presentment at New City. The evidence on which the indictments and presentment are based was furnished by John A. Hennessy, Gov. Sulzer's investigator into State departments.

Bart Dunn, who shares with John V. Coganey the Tammany leadership of the Eighteenth Assembly District and is head of the Dunbar Construction Company; William Wyard, representative in Rockland County of the Aetna Construction company; Joseph J. Fogarty and James Boyd, superintendents of construction in the State Department of Highways; the Aetna Construction Company and the Dunbar Construction Company are the parties indicted.

Justice Kapper said he would issue summonses for the indicted persons and the officers of the indicted corporations. The District-Attorney of Rockland County informed the court that he believed the summonses could be served in time to warrant the appearance of all under indictment in court to-morrow morning.

COULD GET NO EVIDENCE AGAINST BLAUVELT.

The indictments, while a source of gratification to investigator Hennessy, were a disappointment in that none of the evidence taken by the Grand Jury was considered of enough weight to implicate in any way State Senator George A. Blauvelt of the Twenty-third District, which comprises Rockland County and Staten Island. Senator Blauvelt is the author of the direct primary bill which Gov. Sulzer refused to sign and which precipitated the final row that brought about the impeachment of Gov. Sulzer.

The charges against the contractors, superintendents and contracting companies under indictment is that they connived and conspired to build roads which were not up to the specifications in the contracts and that these roads were fraudulent pieces of work by which the parties accused profited financially. The indictments covered only local jobs on State roads in Rockland County built by the Aetna Construction Company and the Dunbar Construction Company under the supervision of Fogarty and Boyd.

The presentment is a general charge of inefficiency and misadministration in the Department of Highways as it was conducted under Gov. Dix and through part of the administration of Gov. Sulzer. No names are mentioned.

The Highway Commission is criticized for ignorance of the operations of the department. The Grand Jury found that the highest position of the official questioned the more ignorance was uncovered as to the workings of the system of building roads.

"Political favorites," says the presentment, "have been followed in the granting of contracts. Evidently the officials of the department thought it was a quasi political organization."

YACHT OFF ROTON DID NOT TAKE THAW SAY'S OWNER'S WIFE.

A report appearing in several morning papers, to the effect that Harry Thaw had been rushed from Matteawan to South Norwalk, Conn., and had there been transferred to a large yacht with a yellow funnel, which immediately put to sea thereafter, was exploded to-day by Mrs. Robert T. Fowler of No. 34 Summit avenue, Mount Vernon.

"My husband's yacht, the Kathmar II, was the one seen off Roton Point, near South Norwalk, yesterday," Mrs. Fowler said. "According to our usual Sunday custom, we went on the Kathmar, a 24-foot boat, up to a point off Roton, there anchored and had our lunch, returning at about 3 o'clock."

"We certainly had no hand in the abduction of Thaw. We know nothing about Thaw, nor want to, and we do not relish the publication of this ridiculous rumor."

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## DIVORCED WOMAN SHOT RIVAL AND FORMER HUSBAND

Judge W. S. Godbee of Georgia Instantly Killed and His Wife Mortally Wounded.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 18.

On his arrival at his office in the Victoria Theatre today William Hammerstein found awaiting him a telegram of which the following is a copy: Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 18. William Hammerstein, Victoria Theatre, New York:

I want that name taken off the theatre at once. You realize your mistake. (Signed) H. K. T.

The message was received in the telephone office in the Hotelberg Tower at 1:50 o'clock A. M. Hammerstein's press agent lost no time in sending the news to the papers.

GIRL'S ASSAILANT EVADES POLICE OF FOUR TOWNS.

Trail of Italian Who Attacked Stenographer in Jersey Lost at Vernon Park.

Although the police of four New Jersey towns have searched since Saturday afternoon they have no clue to-day leading to the whereabouts of the young man who brutally attacked Annie Ilgen, a nineteen-year-old stenographer, now seriously ill at her home on Prospect avenue, West Orange.

The young woman was on her way home from her place of business about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She was passing through a strip of woods near the Montclair golf links when she was seized by the throat by a heavy set young man, believed to be an Italian. When she opened her mouth to scream her assailant thrust a hand down her throat, lacerating the inside of her mouth and throat, causing serious hurt.

The girl was being dragged into the woods when an approaching automobile frightened the thief away. He ran across the links after taking the girl's purse containing \$12.50. George Thompson, a negro employed on the links, heard the girl's cries and pursued the fugitive, who turned and felled him with a club.

The police of West Orange, Verona, Montclair and Essex County Park were called by telephone from the Montclair clubhouse. They lost the assailant's trail at Verona Park.

Miss Ilgen was unconscious from shock and her painful wounds when taken to her home and treated by Dr. Levi W. Case of Montclair.

Boxer Dies After Operations. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 18.—Ad Zotta, featherweight boxer of Stockton, Cal., died here to-day of peritonitis, following three operations. He was taken to the hospital seven weeks ago, two days after a fight to a draw with Jimmy Walsh of Boston.

Zotta was eighteen years old and had been fighting two years, having gained some prominence in featherweight circles here and along the coast.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 18.—State officials to-day declined to talk about what would be done in case Harry K.

Thaw should turn up at Elmhurst, the Thaw country home at Cresson, which is on the crest of the Allegheny Mountains, one hundred miles east of Pittsburgh.

Thaw's status would be a matter for the Allegheny County or Cresson local authorities and until he appeared and some action was taken it is not likely that the state would take any steps.

Should a requisition for Thaw's return be made by New York authorities it would be laid before the Attorney-General for an opinion as to whether or not he could be extradited and what should be done with him, if anything.

HAMMERSTEIN MAN BUSY.

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